[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

9-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce the following message, dated the 3rd February 1958, received from the Governor of Madras :—

" In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1), read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, hereby given my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Emergency Provisions) Bill, 1958."

(2) PERCINCTS OF THE HOUSE AND THE STATEMENT IN THE " NAM NADU ".

MR. SPEAKER : I desire to refer an important matter to the Committee of Privileges under Rule 187 of the Assembly Rules. Any service of a legal process or the execution of legal process within the precincts of the Legislative Assembly when the House is sitting or a Committee of the House is sitting would be a breach of Privilege. What the precincts are should be defined. During the first Legislative Assembly, i.e., 1952 to 1957, this matter was referred to the Privileges Committee.

The Committee's report was approved by the Assembly on the 20th December 1956. But since April 1957, the Assembly is holding its sessions in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at Fort St. George. Therefore the precincts of the Assembly have to be determined with reference to this Chamber.

I now therefore refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges to report on the construction to be put on the expression " precincts of the House " with reference to the Legislative Assembly here.

(3) A STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE " NAM NADU ".

MR. SPEAKER : My attention has been drawn to the statement in the copy of " Nam Nadu ", dated 11th December 1957, containing a speech of Sri C. N. Annadurai, M.L.A., in which he had stated that he had influenced the Speaker to ask Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, M.L.A., to withdraw his resignation from the Business Advisory Committee. This statement had been made in a public meeting in Tamil. This has resulted in Sri M. Kalyanasundaram replying to this in a publication and giving expresion to it in a public meeting. Two things are involved in this, the inaccuracy of the statement and a comment on the conduct of the Speaker outside the House.

The Speaker represents the House. He represents the dignity of the House, the freedom of the House and is the custodian of the rights of the House. It is therefore considered to be a high indignity offered to the House to criticise the actions of the Speaker. The conduct of the Speaker cannot therefore, according to parliamentary practice, be commented upon and the House will punish

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such comments as breaches of privilege. As Halsbury says "the House will allow the conduct of the Speaker to be questioned only by means of a substantive motion in the House and will not tolerate a reflection upon his conduct to be made either inside or outside the precincts of the House".

It is not my intention, however, to pursue the question of breach of privilege involved in this matter. But the dignity of the House and its Speaker is a matter of great concern in the working of the parliamentary system of Government and as one interested in the building up of sound traditions, I consider that members should not refer to the conduct of the Speaker especially in public platforms and I would appeal to the co-operation of the Members in this respect.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, you have not referred to one . . . Is it a fact that Sri Annadurai induced Sri Kalyanasundaram to withdraw his resignation from the Business Advisory Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: I have already made reference to it. I did not want to go into the merits of the case. I have stated that two things are involved in this, the inaccuracy of the statement and the comments on the conduct of the Speaker which means that the statement is inaccurate.

I now call upon Sri A. R. Subbiah Mudaliar.

III.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL PUMPSETS IN SANKARANKOIL AND TENKASI TALUKS IN TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

SRI **A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Electricity to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the need for removal of restriction on electricity consumption for agricultural pumpsets in Sankarankoil and Tenkasi Taluks in Tirunelveli district.**
தென்காசி, சங்கரன்கோவில் தாலூகாக்களிலும், ஸ்ரீவில்லிபுத்தூர் தாலூக்காவில் ஒரு பகுதியிலும், இந்த "மின்சார குரூப் ஸிஸ்டம்" அமலுக்கு வந்து, அந்தப் பிரதேசங்களில் விவசாயம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. அங்கே சுமார் ஆயிரம் பம்புசெட்டுகள் உபயோகத்தில் இருக்கின்றன. அதன் மூலமாக, 1,500 டன உணவு உற்பத்தி பாதிக்சப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த "குரூப் ஸிஸ்டத்தின்" படி இரவு நேரங்களில் தண்ணீர் இறைக்கும் படி ஒரு திட்டம் வகுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். உணவுப் பயிர்களுக்கு இரவு நேரங்களில் தண்ணீர் இறைப்பது முடியாத காரியம். பகலில் 6-மணி நேரம் கொடுப்பது போதாது. இதனால் இயன்ற அளவுக்கு உணவு உற்பத்திசெய்ய முடியவில்லை. அத்துடன் இத்திட்டத்தினால் மோட்டார்களும் "fuse" ஆகின்றன. டிரான்ஸ்பார்மர்களும் அடிக்கடி பழுதடைந்து வருகின்றன. 1957 ம்௵ மே மாதத்தில் இந்தத்திட்டம் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு, எல்லோருடைய கிளர்ச்சியாலும் 8 மாதங்களுககுப் பிறகு இந்த முறை நிறுத்தப்பட்டிருந்தது. பழையபடி அதே முறையை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிறார்கள். "non-major" பஞ்சாயத்துகளில்தான் இந்த "குரூப் முறையை" அமுல் நடத்துகிறார்கள். மேஜர் பஞ்சாயத்துகளில் அமுல் நடத்தவில்லை.

கேரள மின்சரவிசை கிடைக்கக்கூடிய இடங்களில் இண்டஸ்டிரியல் லோடுக்கு "எலெக்ட்ரிஸிட்டி கட்" அதாவது மின்சார வெட்டு